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Due to changes in OCLC's network structure (involving how members are billed for membership, products, and services), **NEBASE support, billing and training activities will conclude June 30, 2009.** The Nebraska Library Commission will continue to handle the coordination of group discount purchases of OCLC products such as CatExpress or WebDewey, as with any other vendor. For more information contact Christa Burns, 402-471-3107 or 800-307-2665; e-mail: cburns@nlc.state.ne.us or Devra Dragos, 402-471-4335 or 800-307-2665; e-mail: ddragos@nlc.state.ne.us or see www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/N3/2008/10/oclc_and_nebases_future.html.

Starting, **January 7, 2009**, the Nebraska Library Commission will host **NCompass Live**, a weekly online event. **NCompass Live** will cover Nebraska Library Commission activities and library topics presented by Library Commission staff and guests. The Wednesday one-hour sessions will start at 10:00 a.m. (CT) and will include a mixture of presentations, interviews, book reviews, Web tours, mini training sessions, and Q & A sessions. For more information and program schedules, see the Library Commission Website at www.nlc.state.ne.us/NCompass/NCompassLive.asp.

Public Library Statistical Data surveys are available online through Bibliostat® Collect at <http://collect.btol.com>. Please note that this is a new Web address and a new version of the software program. Library Usernames and Passwords are the same as last year's. The deadline for data submission is **March 31, 2009.** This online data submission is one requirement for state aid eligibility, accreditation, and Dollars for Data payments. For more

information contact John Felton, Nebraska Library Commission Planning and Data Services Coordinator, 402-471-3216 or 800-307-2665; e-mail: jfelton@nlc.state.ne.us.

Readers across the state will celebrate **2009 One Book One Nebraska** by reading *A Lantern in Her Hand*, by Nebraska author Bess Streeter Aldrich. Nebraska libraries are urged to host local discussions. Book Club Kits, will be available from the Nebraska Library Commission and the Regional Library Systems. One Book One Nebraska 2009 is hosted by the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation, www.bessstreeteraldrich.org and sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Association, Nebraska Library Commission, and University of Nebraska Press. For more information and an event schedule, see Library Commission Announcements at www.nlc.state.ne.us.

Kathryn Brockmeier has been appointed to fill the Nebraska Library Commission Research Analyst/Special Projects Associate position. Kathryn worked for three years at the Hastings Public Library as a library assistant, and coordinated multicultural events. Kathryn works with marketing and planning, including conducting evaluation research projects, survey dissemination, producing reports on grant outcomes, doing research for grant applications, and grant writing.

The **One Book for Nebraska Kids 2009** selection is *The Green Glass Sea*, by Ellen Klages, and is aimed at readers in grades four to six. The Library Commission is distributing book bags with fifteen paperback books, along with discussion questions and background information. To borrow the book bags, contact Nebraska Library Commission

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Information and Reference Services, 402-471-4016 or 800-307-2665, e-mail ready@nlc.state.ne.us, or the Regional Library System offices, www.nlc.state.ne.us/system. For more information contact Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services, 402-471-4003 or 800-307-2665; e-mail: ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us.

The Advisory Committee to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service has a vacancy. The committee represents the needs of Talking Book and Braille Service borrowers and makes recommendations concerning policies, services, and programs. Membership includes library customers, librarians, educators, health care providers, and others who understand the needs of individuals with disabilities. For more information contact Dave Oertli, Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service Director, 402-471-4038, 800-742-7691, e-mail: doertli@nlc.state.ne.us, **by March 1, 2009.**

The Nebraska Library Commission awarded twenty-seven libraries and regional library systems nearly \$40,000 in the **Youth Grants for Excellence Program** to assist in providing improved services to children and young adults, and to provide continuing education and training opportunities for children and young adult librarians. For a list of recipients and description of their projects, see Announcements on the Nebraska Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us. For more information contact Sally Snyder, see contact information above.

In October, the Library Commission initiated the **Nebraska Learns 2.0** free, statewide self-directed learning program. All Nebraska librarians, school media specialists, library staff, and

library Friends and board members are invited to participate. Everyone who completes the program **by January 30, 2009** and blogs their progress will have a chance to win one of nine MP3 players and will receive 15 CE credits. It's not too late to start learning, see the Nebraska Learns 2.0 Website at <http://12ne.blogspot.com/2008/09/thing-1-discovery.html>, or contact Christa Burns, see contact information on page 1.

Legislative Day 2009, sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association (NLA), is set for **February 10**. The luncheon program will honor library volunteers, recognizing them for their involvement with libraries. To nominate for the volunteer awards, librarians are asked to send stories and pictures of library volunteers of all ages to jennip@alltel.net by January 20, 2009. For more information see www.nebraskalibraries.org.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Opportunity Online Hardware Grants for public libraries will focus on sustaining library technology services. Eligible libraries were notified by the Nebraska Library Commission of eligibility and that in order to certify eligibility, libraries must complete the TechAtlas Computer Inventory through WebJunction **by January 5, 2009**. The Nebraska Library Commission is acting as the intermediary on behalf of the Foundation for this grant and will be verifying completion of requirements and dispersing the funds. For more information contact Christa Burns or Devra Dragos, see contact information on page 1.

March 8-14, 2009 is Teen Tech Week, a national initiative sponsored by ALA's Young Adult Library Services Association, is aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. Teen Tech Week, *Press Play @ your library*[®], encourages teens to use libraries' nonprint resources (DVDs, databases, audiobooks, and video games) for education and recreation, and to recognize that librarians are qualified,

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trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Libraries are encouraged to register at www.ala.org/teentechweek and access activities and other resources. **Apply for a Teen Tech Week Mini Grant**, funded through Verizon Communications, Inc., by **Jan. 19, 2009** at www.ala.org/teentechweek to win money for programs and materials. Additional information is available from the Teen Tech Week Wiki at wikis.ala.org/yalsa.

The Nebraska Library Commission awarded a grant to the Regional Library Systems to support a **bus trip to the American Library Association 2009 Conference** in Chicago, July 9-14th, 2009. Nebraska librarians are invited to ride the bus for only \$35, however riders are responsible for their own hotel arrangements and conference registration. For more information about the bus, see Library Commission Announcements at www.nlc.state.ne.us. For more information about the conference, see www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm.

The Nebraska Library Commission has again funded a statewide license for **public viewing of motion pictures in Nebraska public libraries**. With this license, through Movie Licensing USA, Inc., motion pictures may be shown as part of library services and programming at the library through September 30, 2009. For more information, contact Sally Snyder, see contact information on page 2.

Nebraska public libraries will receive a copy of the **Stop Bullying Now!** DVD toolkit. Sponsored by the American Library Association and U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, additional resources are available at www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov.

The **We the People Bookshelf**, a collection of classic books for young readers, is a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities

in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA). Nebraska public and school libraries are invited to apply for the set of classic books for young readers on the theme "Picturing America," by completing the online application at <http://publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf> by **January 30, 2009**.

The Big Read Application Deadline is February 3, 2009.

Nebraska libraries are encouraged to participate in this initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Applications can be downloaded at www.NEABigRead.org/application_process.php. For more information contact Arts Midwest, 612-238-8010, or TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will offer a third, and final, round of competition for the IMLS **Connecting to Collections Bookshelf**. The Bookshelf, valued at approximately \$800, focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections. Online applications should be submitted to the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) **between January 5, 2009, and March 9, 2009**, at www.aaslh.org/Bookshelf. For more information see Library Commission Announcements at www.nlc.state.ne.us.

Would you like to **recieve this newsletter as a link in an e-mail?** In order to curb our rising postage costs, the Nebraska Library Commission would like to e-mail *NLCommunicator* to our customers that would prefer to recieve it electronically. If you would like to receive your copy of subsequent *NLCommunicators* via e-mail, please e-mail Maria Medrano-Nehls, mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.

[Blog]



Join the conversation on the **Library Commission Blog**, see www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/NLC for more details and further discussion about:

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- **2009 Books for Babies Grant.** FOLUSA will award 20 matching grants during 2009 for \$500 each to Friends of Library groups, librarians, women's clubs, and other official entities with an interest in early childhood literacy to purchase Books for Babies kits to distribute in their communities. More details are available online at www.folusa.org.
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- **New NetLibrary Offer- SOLINET/NLC Shared Collection VIII.** The Nebraska Library Commission opened this Shared Collection in November 2008. Projected to include 2,500 to 3,000 titles, this collection continues the tradition of SOLINET regional shared purchasing of front list titles and post-2000 imprints newly available in electronic format. For more information visit www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/netlibrary2008VIII.html.
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- **Computers in Libraries 2009 Conference Discount.** The Nebraska Library Commission is offering a group discount to all Nebraska librarians who attend the Computers in Libraries 2009 conference. The conference is planned for March 30- April 1, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. Conference information can be found at www.infotoday.com/CIL2009/.
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- **Digital Youth Project Finds Teens Learn From E-interactions.** A 3-year study, underwritten by the MacArthur Foundation, found that online social networks, online games, and electronic devices such as cell phones and i-pods are integrated into youth culture. Read more at <http://digitalyouth.ischool.berkeley.edu>
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- **Planning for Success, a guide for the overworked librarian.** The MaintainIT Project is pleased to announce the latest Cookbook! *"Planning for Success, a guide for the overworked librarian."* MaintainIT is also offering a lot of free webinars focused on public access computing and the new Cookbook. See the topics and register at www.maintainitproject.org/events.
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- **Library Managers from Tajikistan Visit Nebraska Library Commission.** A group of librarians/library managers from Tajikistan visited in November. A video of a presentation by the Tajikistani visitors can be viewed at <http://blip.tv/file/1438229>.
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- **Read Oprah's New Book with Your Book Group!** The Library Commission has 8 copies of the latest Oprah reading group selection, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski in our book club kit collection, see www.nlc.state.ne.us/bookclubkits.html

[Training]

Class	Date: Location
● NCompass Live: Meet the NLC, Part 1	Jan. 7: Online Course
● NCompass Live: Meet the NLC, Part 2	Jan. 14: Online Course
● Introduction to Web Page Creation with XHTML	Jan. 15: Lincoln
● Style Your Web Site with CSS	Jan. 16: Lincoln
● NCompass Live: Bibliostat Collect: It's Got a New Look	Jan. 21: Online Course
● NCompass Live: Library of Congress Talking Books: Now Downloadable 24/7	Jan. 28: Online Course
● NCompass Live: Feel the Love - Free Health Resources	Feb. 4: Online Course
● NCompass Live: Nebraska Learns 2.0 Wrap-up	Feb. 11: Online Course
● College of DuPage Teleconference: Targeting the Ages: Programming that Hits the Mark	Feb. 13: Videoconference
● NCompass Live: Nebraska Library Accreditation, Librarian Certification and Library Board Certification: The Whys & Hows	Feb. 18: Online Session
● NCompass Live: Topic to be Announced	Feb. 25: Online Course

Click on Library Training on the Nebraska Library
Commission Website www.nlc.state.ne.us for more
spring training events.

*Continuing Education (CE) Credits for the above training events are
issued by the Nebraska Library Commission as part of the Nebraska
Public Librarian and Board Certification Program.*

*For more information about any of the above training events or to
register, see the Nebraska Library Commission Training Portal, on the
Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, click on Library
Training.*

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